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Little did the people of London know that bright summer morning one year ago that each detail of their unfolding day would suddenly take on immense power. Each kiss goodbye could be their last - or save their life - just by slightly altering their exact location at 8:50 or 9:47.

More than just events were conspiring against the Londoner that day. A small group of people were also preparing to leave their homes. The difference was, they *knew* that journey would be their last. They were on a mission that sought to not only destroy the commuter's daily routine but London's way of life.

If London were a different place, or if Londoners were a different kind of people they may have succeeded. But those four suicide bombers did not reckon on the resolve of their would-be victims to survive, the resourcefulness of the emergency services to overcome the horrific conditions, or the power of the kindness of strangers.

They did not understand the depth of resilience of the people who clearly decided they would not allow themselves to be defeated by a faceless, nameless force that chose to destroy rather than debate - to die rather than join in dialogue with their fellow countrymen and women.

Today we remember those who are no longer with us as well as those who continue to struggle not only with their wounds, but with the memories that also leave deep and debilitating scars. We want to thank those whose job it is to risk their own lives to save others as well as those, perhaps not even trained, but whose human instinct to help and fast thinking saved many more.

Americans were touched and sustained by the support our friends in the United Kingdom extended to us around the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>. One year after similar events here in London, we share your grief and salute your determination. Our thoughts are with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob Tuttle", with a stylized, flowing script.

Robert H. Tuttle  
Ambassador